

# AFLONEXT FINAL CONFERENCE

Noise Control on Flap Side Edge



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2<sup>ND</sup> GENERATION  
ACTIVE WING

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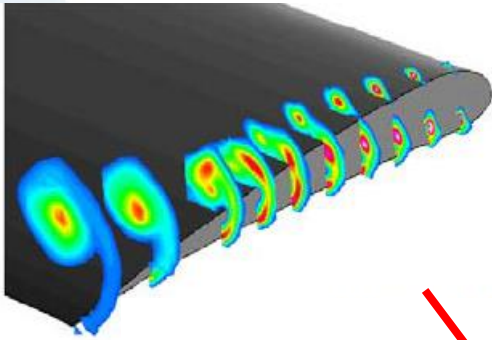
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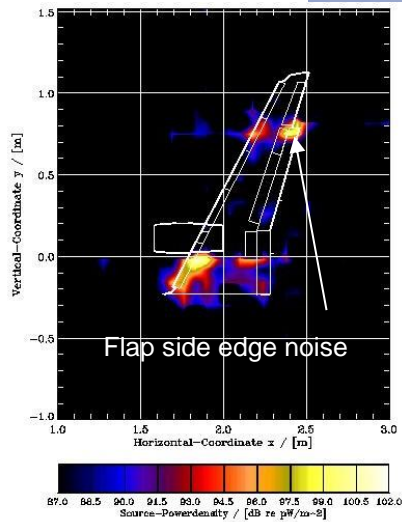
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# Review



Source: Streett et al.,  
NASA

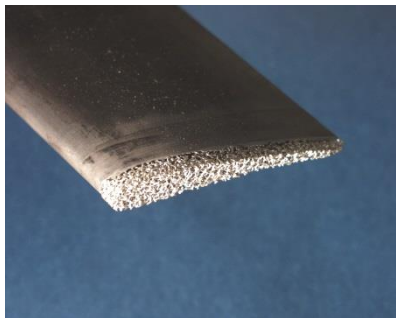
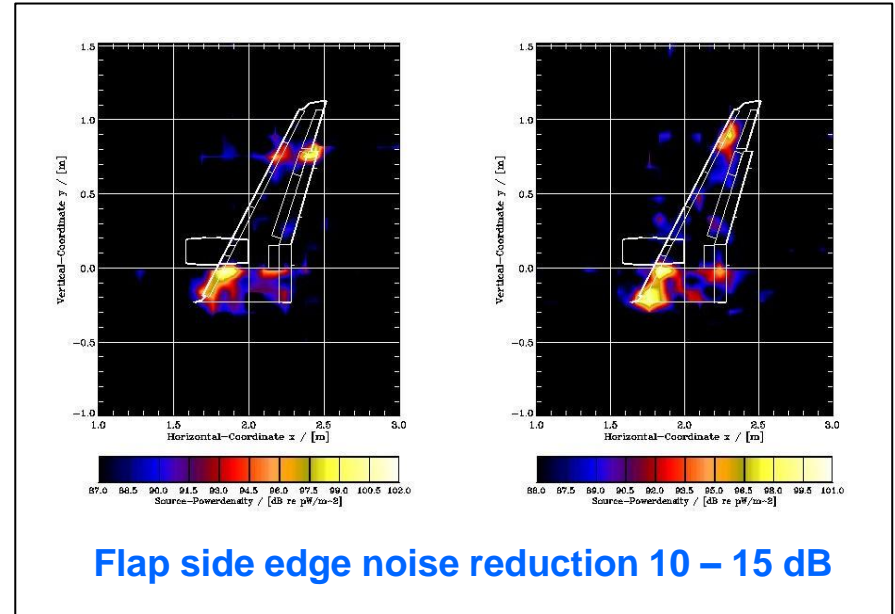


**Aeroacoustic Wind Tunnel  
Cepra 19,  
1:11 scaled  
3D A320 wing**

# Review



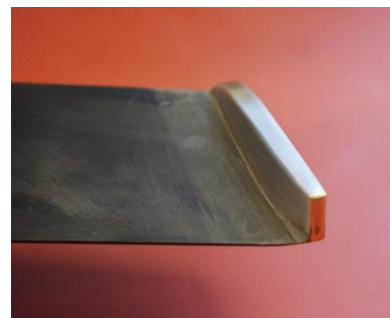
**Aerodynamically no impact**



Foam



Brushes



Rectangular Fence



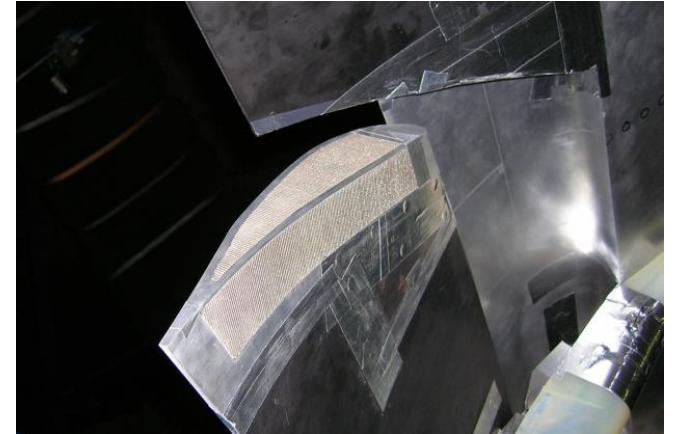
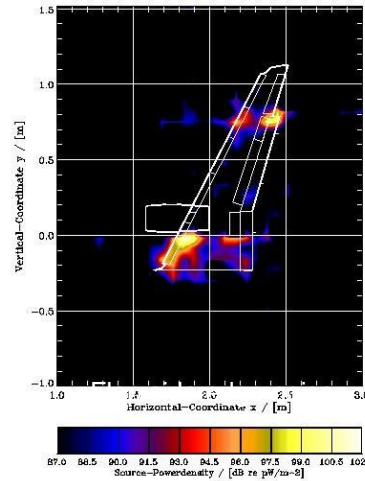
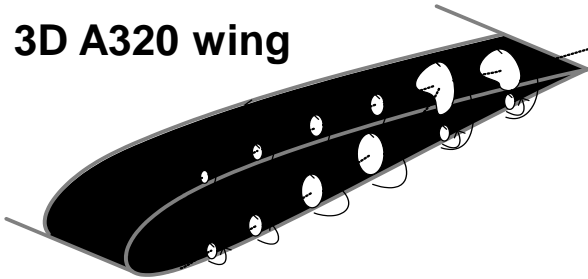
Elliptical Fence

# Motivation

SWING, RAIN, SILENCER, FREQUENZ, OPENAIR

FSE Noise reduction studies on generic models (solid bodies)

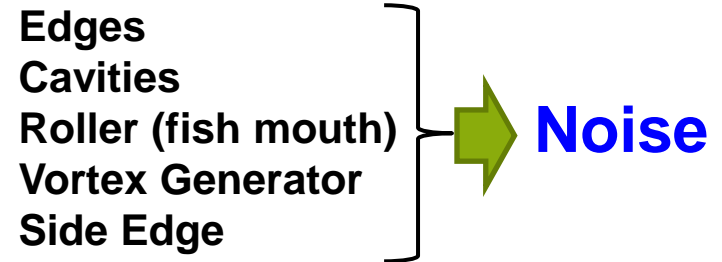
3D A320 wing



Original A320 Flap



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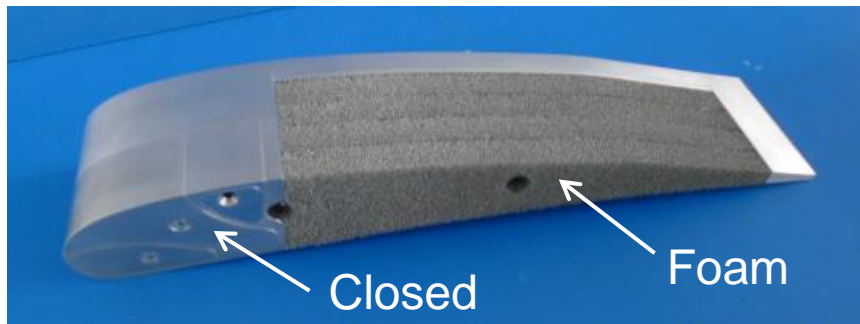
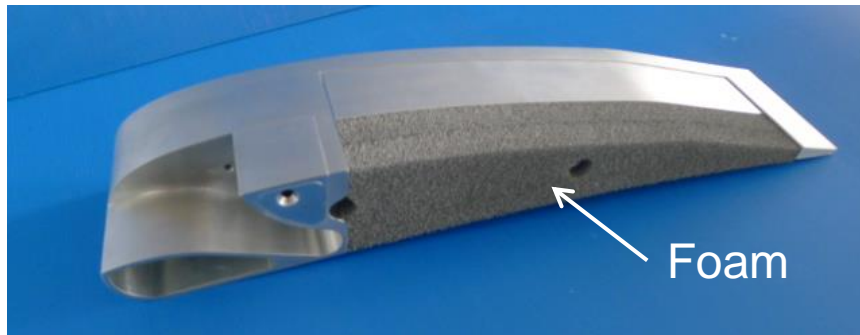
**Open question: How do these mechanisms contribute to the overall noise level?**



# Objectives

- **Final acoustic check of porous FSE on a original A320 flap by wind tunnel tests**
- **Design, manufacture & integration of porous FSE for FT**
- **Flight Test**

# FSE – Wind Tunnel Modell



Effect of :

- Foam
- Fish mouth
- Clean side edge
- Vortex generator
- Baseline
- Cavities
- Combinations

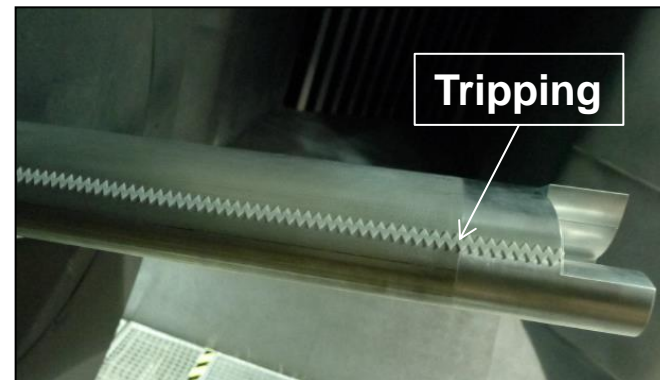
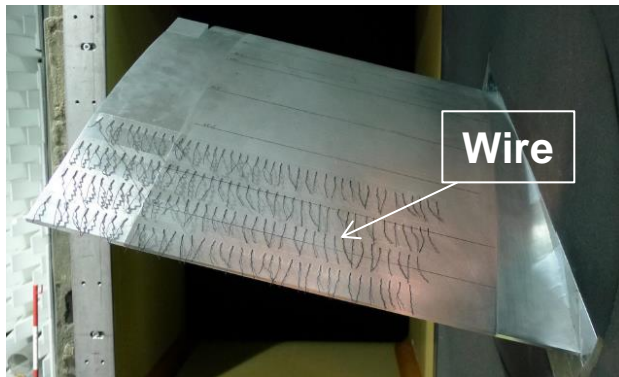
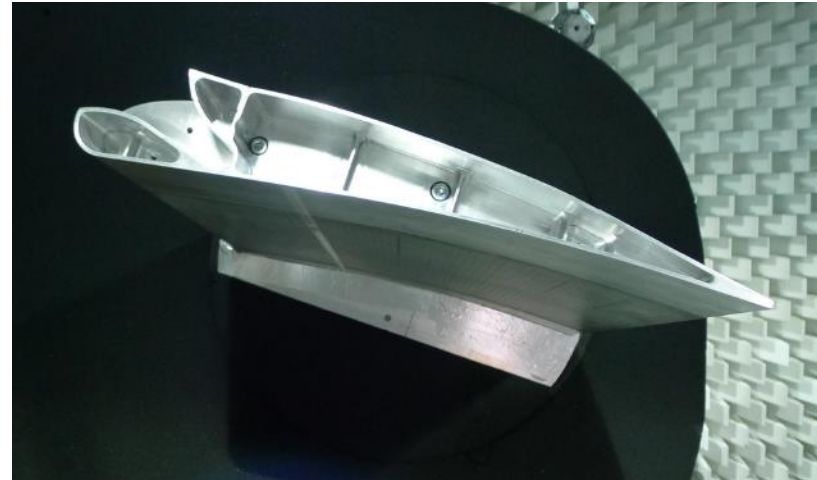


**11 Configurations**

## Aerodynamik Check on Baseline:

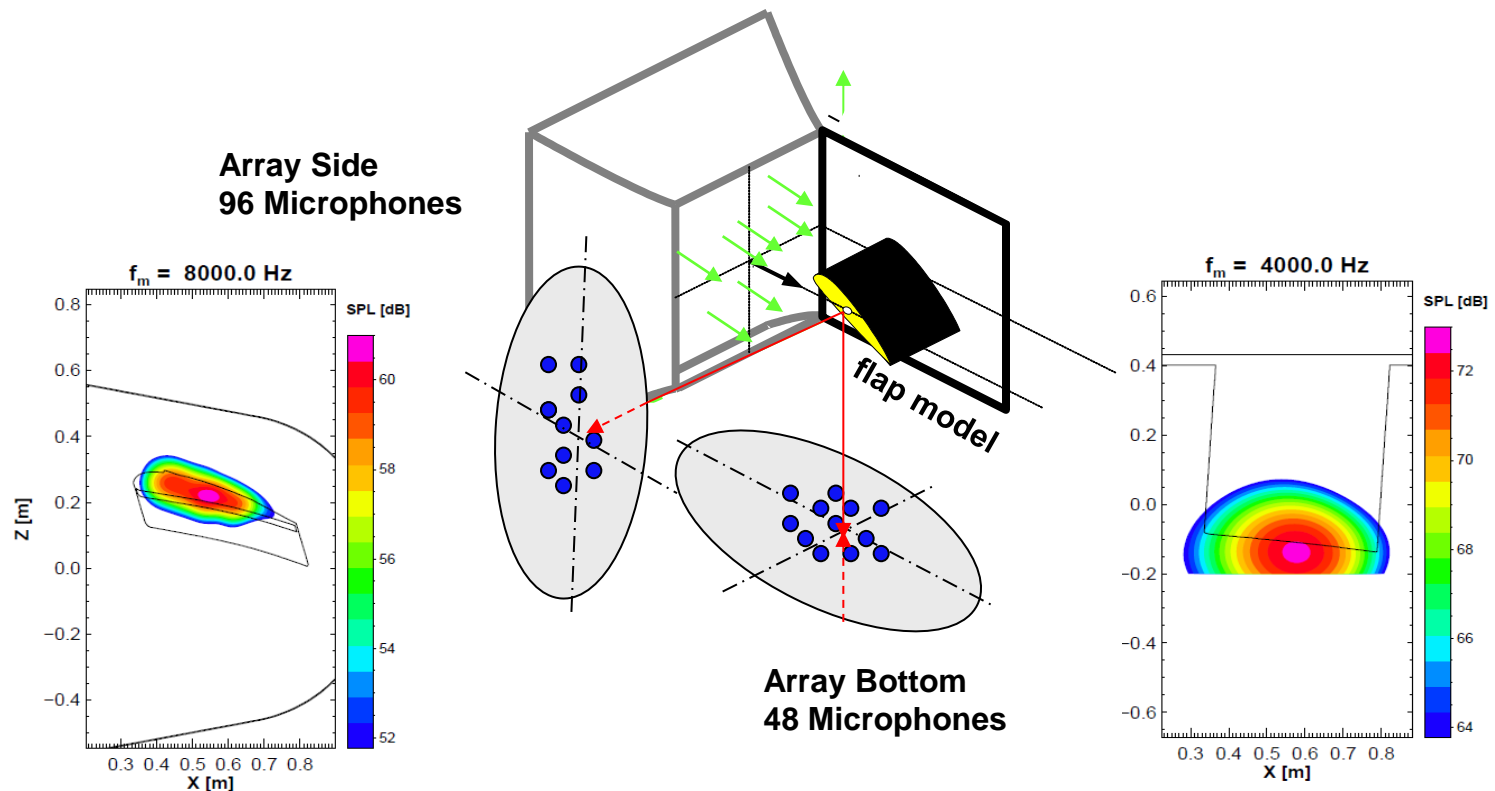
- Tripping on the pressure side and suction side of the flap to fix the transition point.
- Stick of wire on the rear range of the flap for flow visualisation.
- The check were carried out for  $v = 50$  m/s and  $AOA = 30^\circ, 25^\circ, 20^\circ, 15^\circ$

- **Results:**
- $AOA = 25^\circ$  and  $>25^\circ$  the flow is detached.
  - $AOA = 20^\circ$  the flow in the range of the FSE is relativ killed.
  - Operating conditions:  $17^\circ, 20^\circ, 23^\circ$





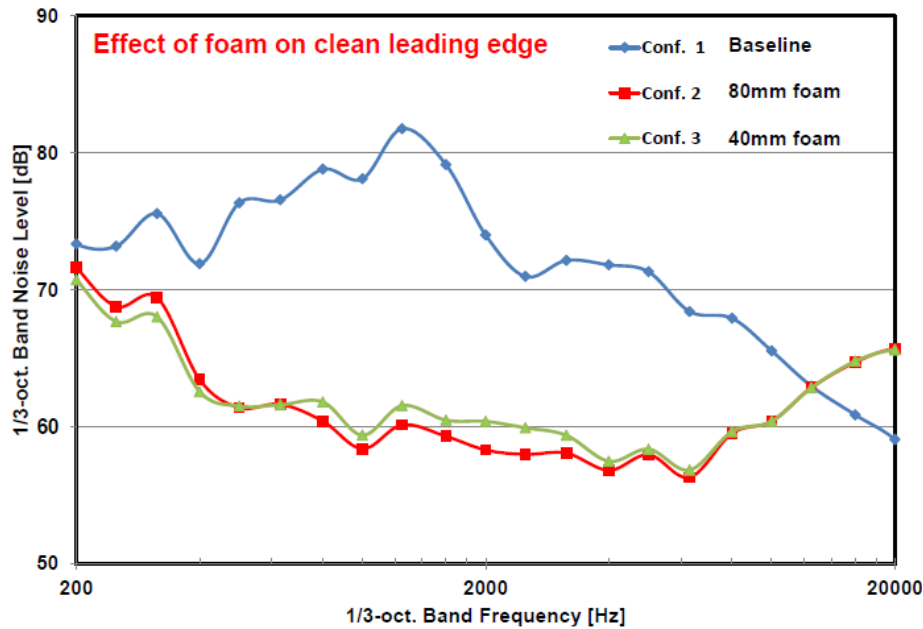
Side edge noise was localized and quantified by 2 microphone arrays:



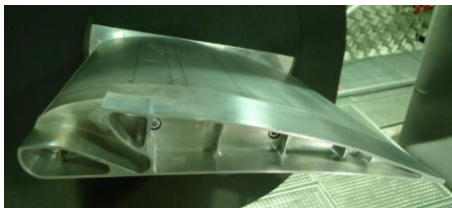
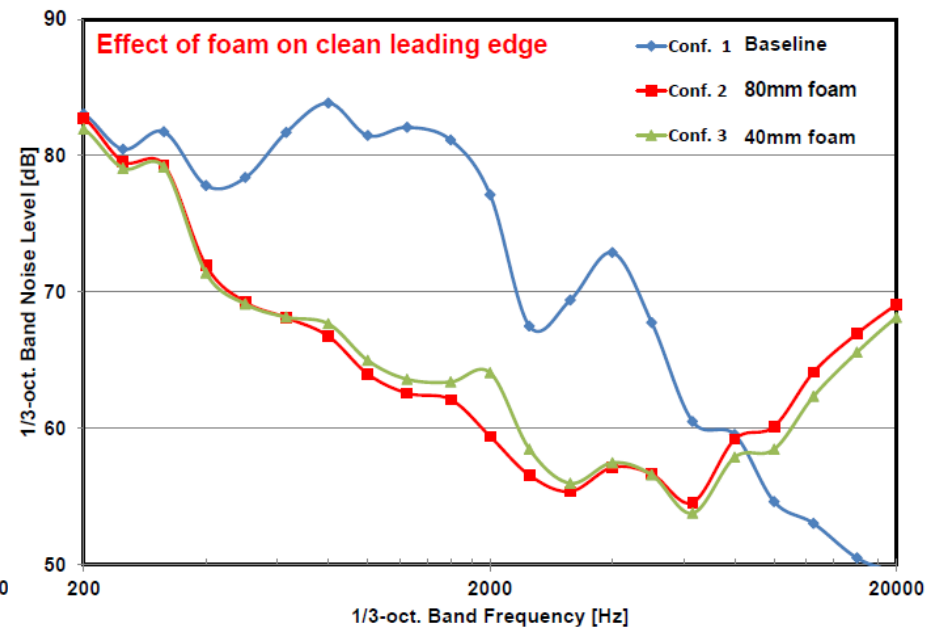
Integration of Source Power / 1/3-oct. Band → 1/3-oct. Spectra

# Effect of foam on clean leading edge

Array Side\_AOA = 20°, v = 50 m/s



Array Bottom\_AOA = 20°, v = 50 m/s



**Conf. 1 Baseline**

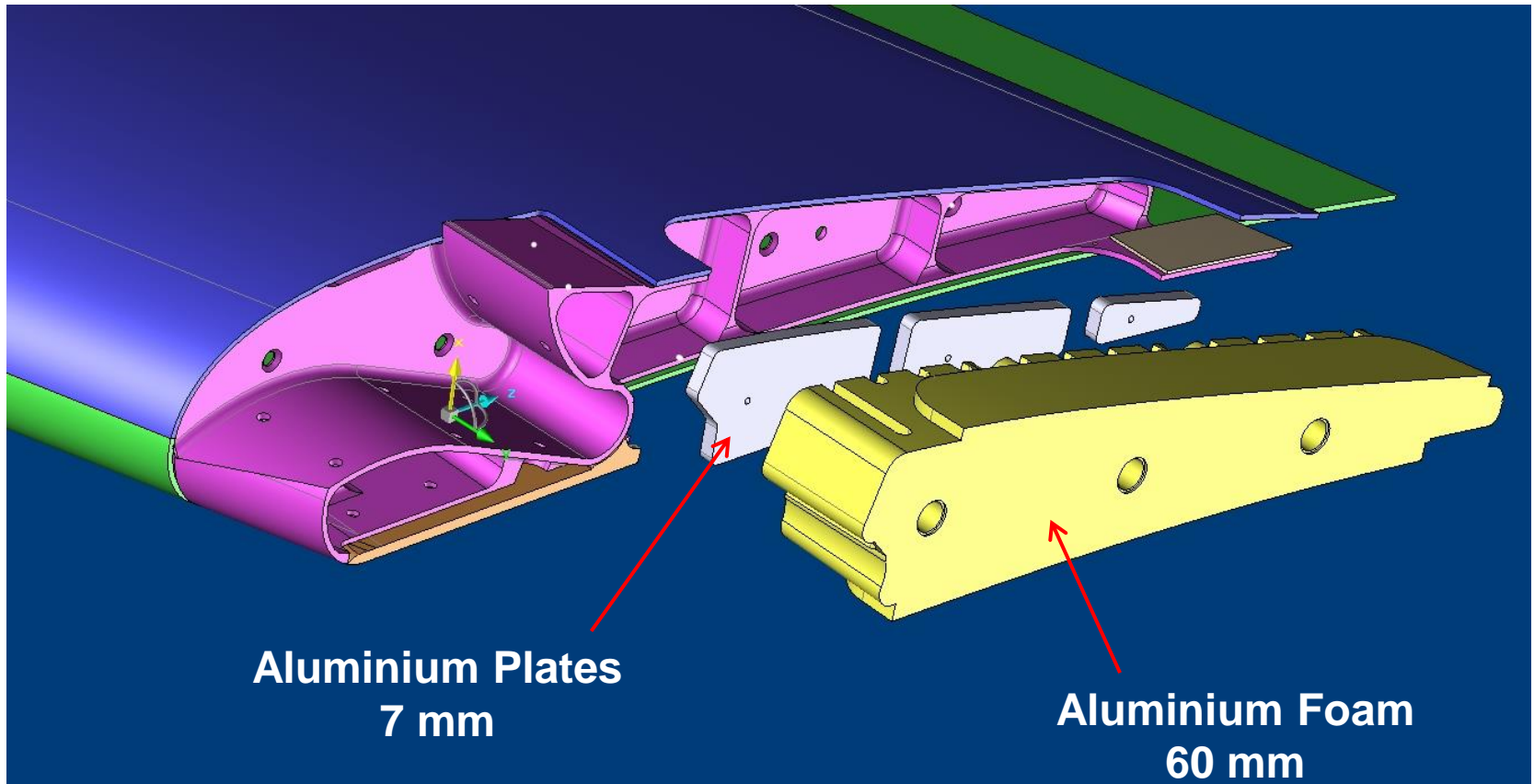


**Conf. 2 80mm foam**



**Conf. 3 40mm foam**

# PFSE - Design

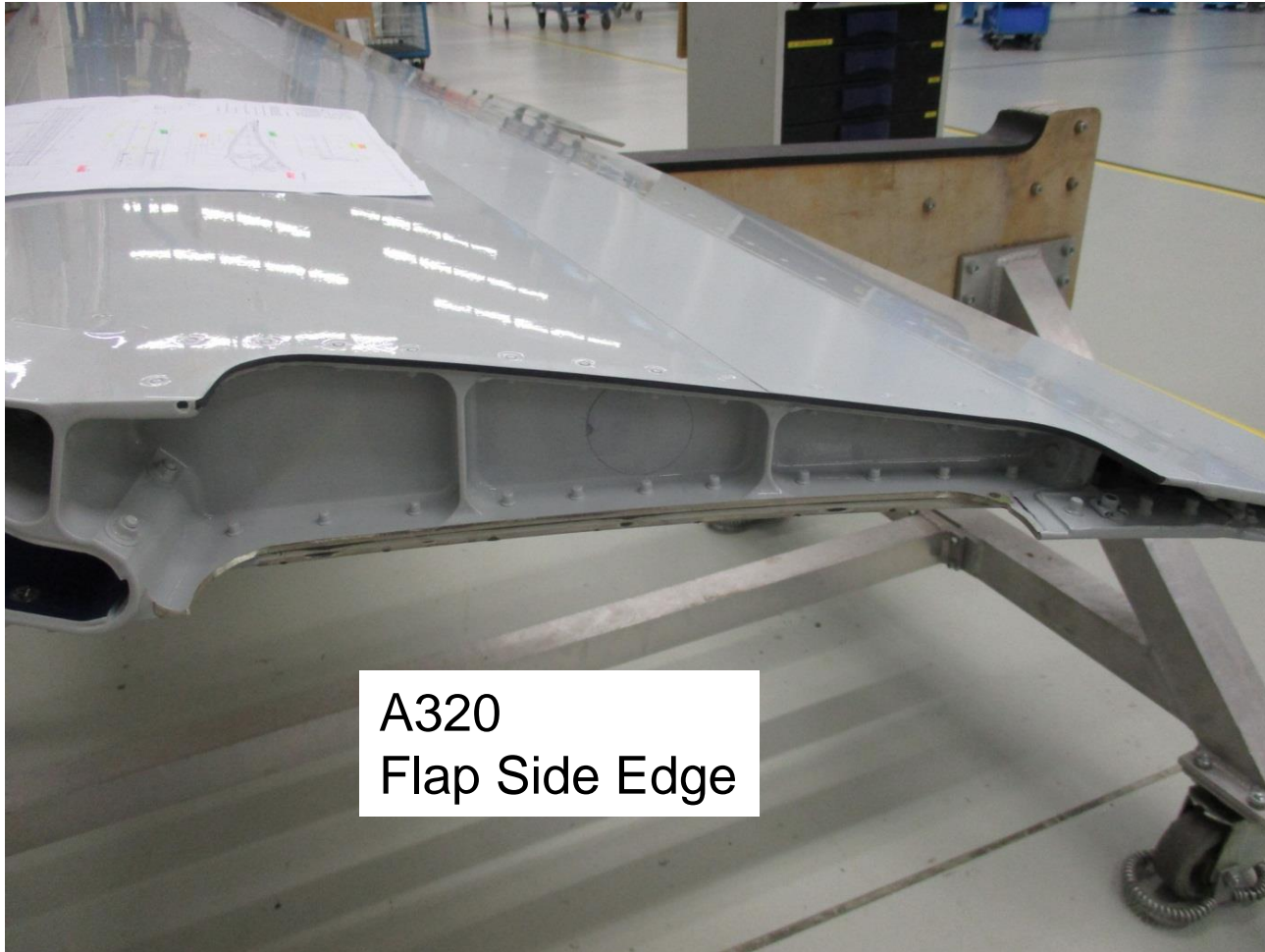


# Manufacturing



**Airworthiness Tests: static, dynamic, fatigue, temperature, icing**

# Integration



A320  
Flap Side Edge

# Integration

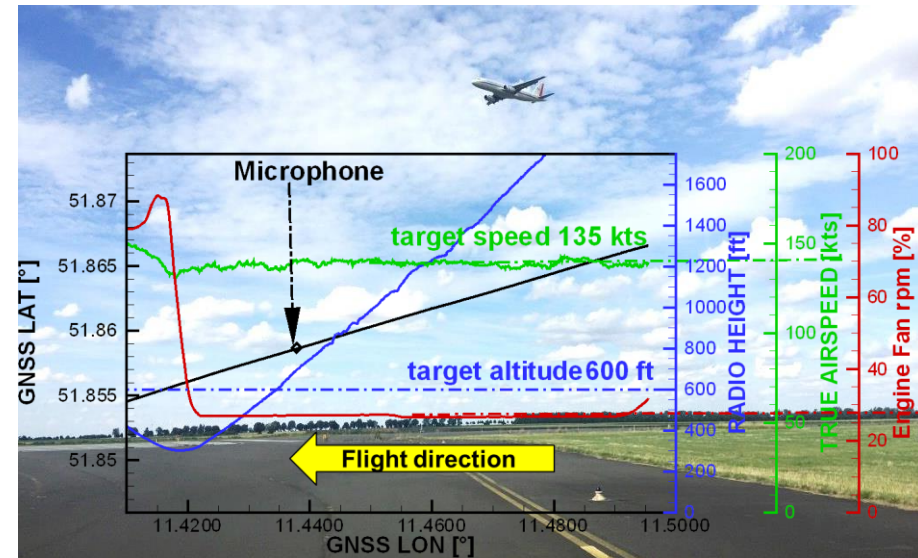


**Flight Test**

# Flight Test

## Aircraft Configuration and Flight Procedure

- A320-232 CEO with V2527 A5 engines and LIP
- Under wing vortex generators installed
- Flap set with outboard porous flap side edge
  - Conf A: **no** fish mouth filler
  - Conf B: **with** fish mouth filler
- Isolated assessment of PFSE effect on airframe noise
- Approaches at 135 and 170 kts
- Engines in flight idle mode
- Landing gear UP
- High lift systems
  - Flaps 3: Slat 22° / Flaps 20°
  - Flaps FULL: Slat 27° / Flaps 40°



# Flight Test

## Acoustic Metric and Results

Sound Exposure Level

$$SEL = 10 * \log_{10} * \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left( \frac{P_A(t)}{P_0} \right)^2 dt$$

Correction for height and velocity  
(acc. to ICAO Annex 16)

$$\Delta L_H = 12.5 * \log_{10} \left( \frac{D}{D_{Ref}} \right) \text{ and}$$

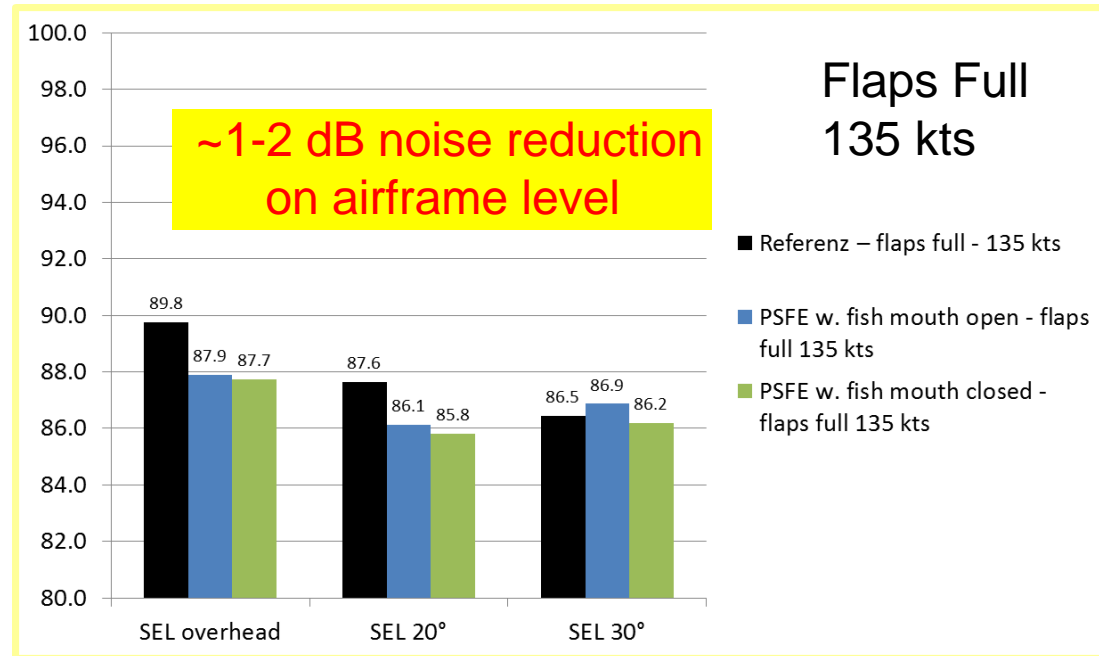
$$\Delta L_V = 10.0 * \log_{10} \left( \frac{V}{V_{Ref}} \right)$$

additional correction for velocity  
dependent noise generation ( $p'^2 \sim v^5$ )

$$\Delta L = 50.0 * \log_{10} \left( \frac{V}{V_{Ref}} \right)$$

$$SEL_{korr} = L_{A,max} + \frac{t_{10}}{2} + 12.5 * \log_{10} \left( \frac{D}{D_{Ref}} \right) - 40.0 * \log_{10} \left( \frac{V}{V_{Ref}} \right)$$

Final SEL data is average  
over all valid flyovers



- Significant noise reduction on airframe level of approx. -2 dB
- For higher speed slightly increased noise reduction





# Conclusion

Flight test results:

- 1-2 dB noise reduction on aircraft level

Next steps:

- long term test (fatigue) on a A320 (Lufthansa)
- retrofit



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